REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3 (both amended) have been allowed in ancestor case 09/242,334, which is expected to issue soon as a patent.

Support for newly added claim 4 is found, e.g., in the specification at page 4, bottom line of the Table ("Mean Purity: 98.9") and at page 8, last three lines. Support for newly added claim 5 is found, e.g., in the specification at page 8.

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